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King Street Metro Meeting

Questions/Comments

- 1) Poul Hertel: There are glaring pedestrian access problems..What is the driving force behind this design?
 - Scott Peterson (WMATA): Primary purpose of project was to increase number of bus bays and improve geometry of the site. Staff and consultants tried a number of alternatives and all present challenges.
 - Mr. Hertel: Very disappointed in pedestrian access.
 - Jim Maslanka (City of Alexandria): Staff will revisit the pedestrian access. This design is not final
- 2) Katy Cannaday: The design should consider pedestrian access that makes it as fast as possible. People want to walk least distance they can.
 - Jim Maslanka: The consultants did consider direct path
 - Abi Lerner (City of Alexandria): The current design attempts to balance multiple modes. By sending pedestrians through the center path, there was an attempt to address safety.
- 3) John Gosling: Is there a possibility the plan would remove all surface parking? Is it possible that we could remove some parking to improve pedestrian access?
 - Abi Lerner: This is a possibility and it will be considered.
- 4) Mayor William E. Euille: This project has been on the drawing board since the mid 1990s and the reality is that it is a mumble jumble of cars. Pedestrian safety is first and foremost.
 - It's important to clarify that this is not being driven by Metro; we are asking the community to help identify solutions.
 - The design as is begs for more work and refinement, which is the next step.
 - The Duke Street tunnel is currently underutilized.